

Public Law 94-427
94th Congress

An Act

Sept. 28, 1976
[S. 2184]

To authorize appropriations for the winter Olympic games, and for other purposes.

Olympic Winter
Games
Authorization Act
of 1976.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Olympic Winter Games Authorization Act of 1976".

FINDINGS

SEC. 2. The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) it is desirable for Americans of present and future generations to be assured adequate outdoor recreational resources and wilderness areas;

(2) the XIII international Olympic winter games, which are to be held in the United States at Lake Placid, New York, in 1980, will further an awareness and appreciation of indoor and outdoor recreational activities and of the need for preserving wilderness areas;

(3) amateur athletics and amateur athletic competition have contributed to the health and well-being of the Nation and, as the host country for the XIII international Olympic winter games, the United States has a unique opportunity to encourage participation in such activities by furnishing limited financial assistance to assure the availability of adequate facilities, resources, and support for the Olympic winter games;

(4) the Congress has pledged its cooperation and support in the successful fulfillment of the XIII international Olympic winter games; and

(5) the Federal financial assistance authorized by this Act is provided in recognition of the unique economic circumstances of the Lake Placid area and should not be considered as establishing a precedent for any future Federal financial assistance for international athletic competitions.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 3. For purposes of this Act:

(1) The term "Olympic winter games" means the XIII international Olympic winter games to be held in 1980 at Lake Placid, New York.

(2) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Commerce.

(3) The term "winter games facilities" means existing or proposed winter sports and supporting facilities which are necessary to carry out the Olympic winter games, including—

(A) a field house;

(B) ski jumps;

(C) skating ovals or arenas;

- (D) housing for athletes;
- (E) a winter sports arena;
- (F) administrative offices;
- (G) dressing rooms, equipment, and storage facilities;
- (H) a luge run;
- (I) parking facilities;
- (J) facilities for increased electrical power;
- (K) sanitary and water facilities; and
- (L) a scoreboard and other miscellaneous facilities.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SEC. 4. (a) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall provide financial assistance in the form of grants to—

(1) the Lake Placid 1980 Olympic Games, Incorporated, a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York; or

(2) State, local, or other governmental agencies, for purposes of assisting in the planning, design, and construction or improvement of winter games facilities, and for purposes of land acquisition and legal and fiscal fees in connection with the Olympic winter games. Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, such grants shall be provided in such sums, at such times, and under such conditions as the Secretary considers necessary and appropriate.

(b) CONDITIONS.—The amount of any grant for a winter games facility under subsection (a) of this section shall be based initially on the estimated cost of such facility. If the actual cost of any winter games facility is less than such estimated cost, the difference may be applied to meet the excess cost of any other winter games facility. If the actual cost of any winter games facility exceeds such estimated cost, plus any amounts applied to the excess cost under the preceding sentence, the Secretary shall not provide any grant for more than 50 percent of the remaining excess cost of such facility.

(c) REVERSION.—All revenues generated by the Olympic winter games in excess of actual costs shall revert to the Treasury of the United States in an amount not to exceed the total amount of funds appropriated under the authority of section 9 of this Act.

(d) OTHER ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide financial assistance for projects related to the Olympic winter games under the authority contained in title I of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3131-3136). Any such assistance (1) shall not be subject to the requirements for a non-Federal matching share set forth in section 101(c) of such title, and (2) shall be excluded from the limitation on the amount available to any one State set forth in section 103 of such title.

42 USC 3131.

42 USC 3133.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SEC. 5. In carrying out the provisions of this Act, the Secretary—

(1) shall require that all winter games facilities for which Federal financial assistance is provided under this Act are planned, designed, and constructed or improved in a manner which is consistent in all respects with State laws, rules, regulations, and plans governing the use, management, and development of Adirondack Park;

(2) shall not, as a condition on the receipt of Federal financial assistance under this Act, require any modification in any such State law, rule, regulation, or plan; and

(3) shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to assure that all activities relating to the Olympic winter games are carried out in a manner designed to recognize the outdoor recreational and wilderness values of Adirondack Park and the Lake Placid area and meet the needs of the Olympic winter games.

CONTINUED PUBLIC USE

Consultation.

SEC. 6. The Secretary, in coordination and consultation with State and local officials, shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to assure that all winter games facilities for which Federal financial assistance is provided under this Act are planned, designed, and constructed or improved in a manner which will provide maximum continued public use and benefit following the conclusion of the Olympic winter games.

REPORTS

Submittal to Congress and President.

SEC. 7. (a) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Secretary shall, within 3 months after the end of fiscal year 1977 and within 3 months after the end of each of the 2 succeeding fiscal years, submit an interim report to the Congress and to the President on the progress of the planning, design, and construction or improvement of winter games facilities under this Act. Each such report shall summarize and evaluate the progress made in preparing for the Olympic winter games, and include any recommendations for any further Federal involvement which the Secretary considers necessary or appropriate.

Recommendations.

(b) FINAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall, within 3 months after the conclusion of the Olympic winter games, submit a final report to the Congress and to the President containing a summary of all actions taken under this Act, including a description of the action taken under section 6 of this Act to assure the maximum continued public use of winter games facilities.

Submittal to Congress and President.

RECORDS AND AUDIT

SEC. 8. (a) RECORDS.—Each recipient of Federal financial assistance under this Act, whether directly or indirectly, shall keep such records as the Secretary shall prescribe, including—

(1) records which fully disclose (A) the amount and the disposition by such recipient of the proceeds of such assistance, (B) the total cost of the winter games facility or related project for which such assistance is given or used, (C) the amount of that portion of the cost of such facility or project supplied by other sources, and (D) an identification of such other sources; and

(2) such other records as will facilitate an effective financial audit.

(b) AUDIT.—Until the expiration of 3 years after the completion of the winter games facility or related project referred to in subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access, for purposes of audit and examination, to any books, documents, papers, and records of each recipient of Federal financial assistance under this Act which the Secretary or the Comptroller General considers relevant to such Federal financial assistance.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 9. (a) GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary the sum of \$49,040,000 for purposes of providing grants under section 4(a) of this Act for the Olympic winter games.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary the sum of \$250,000 for the administration of this Act.

(c) AVAILABILITY.—Sums appropriated under this section are authorized to remain available until expended.

Approved September 28, 1976.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 94-1167 accompanying H.R. 13490 (Comm. on Interstate and Foreign Commerce) and No. 94-1447 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORT No. 94-858 (Comm. on Commerce).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

June 9, H.R. 13490 considered in House.

June 10, considered and passed Senate.

June 11, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.R. 13490.

Sept. 10, House agreed to conference report.

Sept. 16, Senate agreed to conference report.

WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 12, No. 40:

Sept. 29, Presidential statement.